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FOR

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MATRIMONY and BURIAL OF THE DEAD.

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# THE ORDER FOR THE Administration of Baptism TO INFANTS.

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¶ When Baptism is administered at a stated Service, it shall be immediately after the second Lesson.

¶ Infants to be baptized must be presented by their parents, when practicable, and one, at least, of the persons presenting must be a communicant of this or of some other Evangelical Church.

¶ At the time appointed, the Minister, standing near the Font, shall say,

Hear the words of the Gospel, written by St. Mark, in the tenth Chapter, at the thirteenth Verse.

THEY brought young children to Christ, that he should touch them: and his disciples rebuked those that brought them. But when Jesus saw it, he was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the

little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein, And he took them up in his arms, put his hands upon them and blessed them.

¶ Then shall the Minister make this Exhortation.

**B**ELOVED, ye hear in this Gospel the words of our Saviour Christ, that he commanded the children to be brought unto him; how he blamed those who would have kept them from him; how he exhorteth all men to follow their innocency. Ye perceive how, by his outward gesture and deed, he declared his good will toward them, for he embraced them in his arms, he laid his hands upon them and blessed them. Doubt ye not, therefore, but earnestly believe, that he who now sitteth at the right hand of the Majesty on high, is the same tender Saviour who, in the days of his sojourning upon earth, so lovingly regarded little children.

Wherefore, being thus persuaded of the good will of our Saviour toward all infants; and not doubting that he favorably alloweth the dedication of *this infant* unto him; let us faithfully and devoutly call upon him in *its* behalf and say:

**A**LMIGHTY and immortal God, the aid of all who need, the helper of all who flee to thee for succor, the life of those who believe, and the resurrection of the dead; we call upon thee for *this infant*, now to be baptized; of thy bounteous mercy, we beseech thee to receive *him*, grant unto *him* the forgiveness of *his* sins, and so fill *him* with thy Holy Spirit that *he* may grow in grace and godliness, and being steadfast in faith, joyful through hope, and rooted in love, may continue thine forever; through Jesus Christ our LORD, *Amen*.

¶ Then shall the Minister say,

**D**EARLY beloved, ye have brought *this child* here to be baptized, ye have prayed that our Heavenly Father, through

Jesus Christ our LORD, would vouchsafe to receive *him*, to release *him* from *his* sins, to sanctify *him* with the Holy Ghost, to give *him* the kingdom of Heaven and everlasting life :

I ask, therefore,

**D**O ye solemnly believe all the Articles of the Christian Faith, as contained in the Apostles' Creed ; and do ye acknowledge the obligation, as far as in you lies, to provide, that *this child* be brought up in the nurture and admonition of the LORD, that *he* be diligently instructed in the Holy Scriptures, and that *he* be taught the Creed, the LORD'S Prayer, the Ten Commandments, and all other things which a Christian ought to know and believe to his soul's health ?

*Answer.* We do.

¶ Then shall the Minister say,

**O** MERCIFUL God, grant that the old Adam in *this child* may be so buried, that the new man may be raised up in *him*. *Amen.*

Grant that all sinful affections may die in *him*, and that all things belonging to the Spirit may live and grow in *him*. *Amen.*

Grant that he may have power and strength to have victory, and to triumph against the devil, the world, and the flesh. *Amen.*

Grant that all who are dedicated to thee in Baptism, may also be endued with heavenly virtues and everlastingly rewarded, through thy mercy, O blessed LORD God, who dost live and govern all things, world without end. *Amen.*

Almighty, everliving God, whose most dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ gave commandment to his disciples, that they should go teach all nations, and baptize them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost ; regard, we beseech thee, our supplications, and grant that *this child*, now to be baptized, may receive the fullness of thy grace, and ever remain in the number of thy faithful children ; through Jesus Christ our LORD. *Amen.*

## THE ORDER FOR THE Administration of Baptism TO ADULTS.

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¶ When Persons of riper years are to be baptized, timely notice shall be given to the Minister; that so due care may be taken for their examination, whether they be sufficiently instructed in the Principles of the Christian Religion, and prepared to come in repentance and faith to this holy Sacrament.

¶ And if they shall be found fit, then may they present themselves, with their witnesses, immediately after the second Lesson at any stated service.

¶ Then shall the Minister say,

Hear the words of the Gospel written by St. Matthew, in the twenty-eighth Chapter, beginning at the sixteenth Verse.

**T**HEN the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them. And when they saw him, they worshipped him: but some doubted. And Jesus came and

spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

**B**ELOVED, ye hear in this Gospel the express command which our Saviour Christ gave to his disciples; saying, Go ye and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; whereby ye perceive the obligation of this Divine Ordinance, where it may be had. For which cause St. Peter, when upon his first preaching of the Gospel many were pricked at the heart, and said to him and the rest of the Apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? said unto them, Repent, and be baptized, every one of you, for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive

the gift of Holy Ghost. For the promise is to you and your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the LORD our God shall call. So, in reply to the inquiry of the Jailer, Sirs, what must I do to be saved? Paul and Silas answered and said; Believe on the LORD Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house. And after they had spoken unto him the word of the LORD, and to all that were in the house, they baptized him, and all his, straightway. [Acts xvi, 30.] Furthermore, in the tenth Chapter of the Epistle to the Romans, St. Paul contrasts the righteousness which is of the law with the righteousness which is of faith, and makes the latter speak on this wise; If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the LORD Jesus, and shall believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. [Rom. x, 9.]

Beloved, ye learn from these Scriptures that faith and repentance (fruits of the Spirit) must be accompanied with confession of the mouth in Baptism. Doubt ye not, therefore, but earnestly believe that God does graciously receive all who truly repent and come unto him by faith; that he will grant them the remission of their sins, and strengthen them by his indwelling Spirit, and that he will carry on the good work which he has begun in them unto the day of Jesus Christ.

Wherefore, we being thus persuaded of the good will of our heavenly Father toward *these Persons*, truly repenting and believing in his Son Jesus Christ; let us faithfully and devoutly give thanks to him, and say,

**A**LMIGHTY and everlasting God, heavenly Father, we give thee humble thanks, for that thou hast vouchsafed to call us to the knowledge of thy grace, and faith in thee; Increase this knowledge, and confirm this faith in us evermore.

Bless *these thy servants*, that being received into the number of thy visible Church, and filled with thy Spirit, and kept by thy perpetual mercy, *they* may continue steadfast in the confession of thy holy Name, through Jesus Christ our LORD, *Amen.*

¶ Then the Minister shall say to the Persons to be baptized,

**W**ELL-BELOVED, who are come hither desiring to be Baptized, *ye* have heard how the congregation hath prayed, that our merciful Father would vouchsafe to bless you, and to fill you with his Holy Spirit. *Ye* have heard also that he hath promised in his holy Word to grant those things that we have prayed for; which promise he, for his part, will most surely keep and perform.

Wherefore, after this promise made by our heavenly Father, in Christ Jesus, *ye* must also faithfully, for your part, in the presence of these your Witnesses, and this whole congregation, promise and answer to the following Questions.

*Question.* Dost thou renounce the devil and all his works, the vain pomp and glory of the world, with all covetous desires of the same, and the sinful desires of the flesh, so that thou wilt not follow, nor be led by them?

*Answer.* I renounce them all; and by God's help, will endeavor not to follow, nor be led by them.

*Question.* Dost thou believe all the Articles of the Christian Faith, as contained in the Apostles' Creed?

*Answer.* I do.

*Question.* Wilt thou be baptized in this Faith?

*Answer.* That is my desire.

*Question.* Wilt thou then obediently keep God's holy will and commandments, and walk in the same all the days of thy life?

*Answer.* I will, by God's help.

¶ Then shall the Minister say,

**O** MERCIFUL God, grant that the old Adam in *these Persons*, may be so bur-

ied, that the new man may be raised up in *them*. *Amen*.

Grant that all sinful affections may die in *them*, and that all things belonging to the Spirit may live and grow in *them*. *Amen*.

Grant that *they* may have power and strength to have victory, and to triumph against the devil, the world, and the flesh. *Amen*.

Grant that *they* and all who are dedicated to thee in Baptism, may also be endowed with heavenly virtues and everlastingly rewarded, through thy mercy, O blessed LORD God, who dost live and govern all things, world without end. *Amen*.

**A**LMIGHTY, everlasting God, whose most dearly beloved Son, Jesus Christ, gave commandment to his disciples, that they should go teach all nations, and baptize them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost ;

Regard, we beseech thee, our supplications, and grant that the *Persons* now to be baptized, may receive the fullness of thy grace, and ever remain in the number of thy faithful children ; through Jesus Christ our LORD. *Amen*.

¶ Then shall the Minister take each Person to be baptized by the right hand ; and shall ask the Witnesses the Name ; and then shall dip *him* in the water, or pour water upon *him*, saying,

**N** I BAPTIZE thee in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. *Amen*.

¶ Then shall the Minister say,

**W**E receive *this Person*, into the congregation of Christ's Flock ; \* and pray that hereafter *he* shall not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified ; but manfully fight under his banner, against sin, the world, and the devil, and continue Christ's faithful soldier and servant unto *his* life's end. *Amen*.

\* Here the Minister may make the sign of the cross upon the Person's forehead, if it is desired, and add, "and do sign him with the sign of the cross and pray, etc."



¶ Then shall the Minister say,

**S**EEING now, dearly beloved brethren, that *these Persons* are grafted into the body of Christ's Church visible; let us give thanks unto Almighty God, and with one accord make our prayers unto him. that *they* may lead the rest of *their* life according to his holy word.

¶ Then shall be said, all kneeling,

**O**UR Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil. Amen.

**A**Lmighty God, who showest to them that are in error the light of thy truth, to the intent that they may return into the way of righteousness; grant unto all those who are admitted into the fellowship

of Christ's religion, that they may avoid those things that are contrary to their profession, and may follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; and we beseech thee, for thine infinite goodness, that thou wouldest mercifully look upon *these thy servants*, and endue *them* with thy heavenly grace, that *they* may be living *members* of thy Church; and being steadfast in faith, joyful through hope, and rooted in charity, may so pass the waves of this troublesome world, that finally *they* may come to the land of everlasting life, there to reign with thee, world without end; through Jesus Christ our LORD. Amen.

¶ Then, all standing up, the Minister, speaking to the Witnesses, shall say,

**F**ORASMUCH as *these persons* have promised, in your presence, to renounce the devil and all his works, to believe in God, and to serve him; ye must remember that it is your part and duty to put *them* in mind what a solemn vow, promise, and profession, *they have now*

made before this congregation, and especially before you *their* chosen witnesses. And ye are also to call upon *them* to use all diligence to be rightly instructed in God's holy Word ; that so *they* may grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our LORD Jesus Christ ; and live godly, righteously, and soberly, in this present world.

¶ And then, speaking to the baptized, he shall say,

AND as for you, who have now, by baptism, openly confessed your faith in Christ, it is your part and duty also, as *children* of God and of the light, by faith in Jesus Christ, to walk answerably to your Christian calling, and as becometh the children of light ; remembering always, that Baptism representeth unto us our profession ; which is, to follow the example of our Saviour Christ, and to be made like unto him ; that as he died, and rose again for us, so should we, who are baptized, die from sin, and rise again unto righteousness ; continually mortifying all our evil and

corrupt affections, and daily proceeding in all virtue and godliness of living,

¶ If it be necessary to baptize Adults in private, on account of extreme sickness, this service may be used, or any portion of it, as the Minister may think best, provided there shall be a Confession of Faith, and the use of the formula.

¶ If there be occasion for the office of Infant Baptism, and that of Adults at the same time, the Minister may combine such portions of each office, as in his discretion he may think proper.

## THE FORM OF Solemnization of Matrimony.

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¶ The laws respecting Matrimony, whether by publishing the Bans in Churches, or by License, being different in the several States, every Minister is left to the direction of those Laws, in everything that regards the civil contract between the Parties.

¶ At the day and time appointed for Solemnization of Matrimony, the Persons to be married shall come into the body of the Church, or shall be ready in some proper house with their friends and neighbors; and there standing together, the Man on the right hand, and the Woman on his left, the Minister shall say,

**D**EARLY beloved, we are gathered together here in the sight of God, and in the face of this company, to join together this Man and this Woman in holy matrimony; which is commended of St. Paul to be honorable among all men; and therefore is not by any to be entered into unadvisedly or lightly; but reverently, discreetly, advisedly, soberly, and in the

fear of God. Into this holy estate these two persons present come now to be joined. If any man can show just cause why they may not lawfully be joined together, let him now speak, or else hereafter for ever hold his peace.

¶ Then speaking unto the Persons who are to be married, he shall say,

**I** REQUIRE and charge you both, (as ye will answer at the dreadful day of judgment, when the secrets of all hearts shall be disclosed,) that if either of you know any impediment, why ye may not be lawfully joined together in Matrimony, ye do now confess it. For be ye well assured, that if any persons are joined together otherwise than as God's Word doth allow, their marriage is not lawful.

¶ If no impediment be alleged, then shall the Minister say to the Man,

**M.** WILT thou have this Woman to thy wedded Wife, to live together after God's ordinance, in the holy estate

of Matrimony? Wilt thou love her, comfort her, honor, and keep her, in sickness and in health; and, forsaking all others, keep thee only unto her, so long as ye both shall live?

*Answer.* I will.

¶ Then shall the Minister say unto the Woman,

**N.** WILT thou have this Man to thy wedded Husband, to live together after God's ordinance, in the holy estate of Matrimony? Wilt thou obey him, and serve him, love, honor, and keep him, in sickness and in health; and, forsaking all others, keep thee only unto him, so long as ye both shall live?

*Answer.* I will.

¶ Then shall the Minister say,

Who giveth this Woman to be married to this Man?

¶ Then shall they give their Troth to each other in this manner: The Minister, receiving the Woman at her father's, or friend's hands, shall cause the Man with his right hand to take the Woman by her right hand, and to say after him:

**I** *M.* take thee *N.* to my wedded Wife, to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, till death us do part, according to God's holy ordinance; and thereto I plight thee my Troth.

¶ Then shall they loose their hands; and the Woman with her right hand taking the Man by his right hand, shall likewise say after the Minister:

**I** *N.* take thee *M.* to my wedded Husband, to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love, cherish, and obey, till death us do part, according to God's holy ordinance; and thereto I give thee my Troth.

¶ Then shall the Man place upon the the fourth finger of the Woman's left hand a Ring, and holding it there, repeat after the Minister,

**W**ITH this Ring I thee wed: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Let us pray.

**O**UR Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation ; But deliver us from evil. Amen.

**O** ETERNAL God, Creator and Preserver of all mankind, Giver of all spiritual grace, the Author of everlasting life ; Send thy blessing upon these thy servants, this man and this woman whom we bless in thy Name ; that they may surely perform and keep the vow and covenant betwixt them made (whereof this Ring given and received is a token and pledge), and may ever remain in perfect love and peace together, and live according to thy laws ; through Jesus Christ our LORD. Amen.

¶ Then shall the Minister join their right hands together, and say,

Those whom God hath joined together, let no man put asunder.

¶ Then shall the Minister say,

**F**ORASMUCH as *M.* and *N.* have consented together in holy wedlock, and have witnessed the same before God and this company, and thereto have given and pledged their troth, each to the other, and have declared the same (by giving and receiving a Ring, and) by joining hands ; I pronounce, that they are Husband and Wife ; in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

¶ Then the Minister shall add this blessing :

**G**OD the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Ghost, bless, preserve, and keep you ; The LORD mercifully with his favor look upon you, and fill you with all spiritual benediction and grace ; that ye may so live together in this life, that in the world to come ye may have life everlasting. Amen.

## THE ORDER FOR THE Burial of the Dead.

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¶ The Minister, meeting the Corpse at the entrance of the Church or Churchyard, and going before it, either into the Church, or towards the Grave, shall say one or more of the following sentences :

**I** AM the resurrection and the life, *saieth the Lord* ; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live ; and whosoever liveth and believeth in me, shall never die. *St. John xi, 25, 26.*

I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth : and though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God : whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another. *Job xix, 25, 26, 27.*

We brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out.

The LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away ; blessed be the name of the LORD.  
*1 Tim. vi, 7 ; Job i, 21.*

He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation ; but is passed from death unto life. *John v, 24.*

The Dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God ; and they that hear shall live, and shall come forth ; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life ; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation. *John v, 25, 29.*

Our Saviour Jesus Christ hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. *2 Tim. i, 10.*

I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day. *2 Tim. i, 12.*

¶ After they have come into the Church, shall be said or sung one or both of the following Psalms, taken from the xxxix and xc.

*Psalm xxxix.*

**L**ORD, let me know my end, and the number of my days; that I may be certified how long I have to live.

Behold, thou hast made my days as it were a span long; and mine age as even as nothing in respect of thee; and verily every man living is altogether vanity,

For man walketh in a vain shadow, and disquieteth himself in vain; he heapeth up riches, and cannot tell who shall gather them.

And now, LORD, what is my hope? Truly my hope is even in thee.

Deliver me from all mine offences, and make me not a rebuke unto the foolish.

When thou with rebukes dost chasten man for sin, thou makest his beauty to consume away, like as it were a moth fretting a garment; every man, therefore, is but vanity.

Hear my prayer, O LORD; and with thine ears consider my calling; hold not thy peace at my tears:

For I am a stranger with thee, and a sojourner, as all my fathers were.

O spare me a little, that I may recover my strength before I go hence, and be no more seen.

*Psalm xc.*

**L**ORD, thou hast been our refuge, from one generation to another.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever the earth and the world were made, thou art God from everlasting, and world without end.

Thou turnest man to destruction; again thou sayest Come again, ye children of men.

For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday; seeing that is past as a watch in the night.

As soon as thou scatterest them, they are even as a sleep; and fade away suddenly like the grass.

In the morning it is green, and groweth

up ; but in the evening it is cut down, dried up, and withered.

For we consume away in thy displeasure ; and are afraid at thy wrathful indignation.

Thou hast set our misdeeds before thee ; and our secret sins in the light of thy countenance.

For when thou art angry, all our days are gone : we bring our years to an end, as it were a tale that is told.

The days of our age are threescore years and ten ; and though men be so strong that they come to fourscore years, yet is their strength then but labor and sorrow ; so soon passeth it away, and we are gone.

So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost ;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

¶ Then shall follow the Lesson, taken out of the fifteenth Chapter of the first Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. But the Minister, at his discretion, may select any other suitable portion of Scripture ; and in case of the burial of a child, 2 Samuel xii, 15-23, and St. Mark x, 13-16, may be used.

1 Cor. xv. 20.

**N**OW is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first-fruits of them that slept. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order : Christ the first-fruits ; afterwards they that are Christ's, at his coming. Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father ; when he shall have put down all rule, and all authority, and power. For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death. { For he hath put all things under his feet. But when he saith, all things are put under him, it is manifest that he



is excepted, which did put all things under him. And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto Him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all. Else what shall they do which are baptized for the dead, if the dead rise not at all? Why are they then baptized for the dead? and why stand we in jeopardy every hour? I protest by your rejoicing, which I have in Christ Jesus our LORD, I die daily. If after the manner of men I have fought with beasts at Ephesus, what advantageth it me, if the dead rise not? let us eat and drink, for to-morrow we die. Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners. Awake to righteousness, and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God. I speak this to your shame. But some man will say, How are the dead raised up? and with what body do they come? Thou fool! that which thou sowest is not quickened, except it die. And that which thou sowest, thou sowest not that body that shall

be, but bare grain, it may chance of wheat, or of some other grain. But God giveth it a body as it hath pleased him, and to every seed his own body. All flesh is not the same flesh; but there is one kind of flesh of men, another flesh of beasts, another of fishes, and another of birds. There are also celestial bodies, and bodies terrestrial; but the glory of the celestial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another. There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for one star differeth from another star in glory. So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption: it is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power: it is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body. And so it is written, the first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit. Howbeit, that was not first which is

spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual. The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the LORD from heaven. As is the earthy, such are they that are earthy: and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly. And as we have born the image of the earthy we shall also bear the image of the heavenly. Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the Kingdom of God; neither both corruption inherit incorruption. Behold, I show you a mystery: we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality; then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in

victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the Law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our LORD Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the LORD, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the LORD.

† Or this,

*St. John xi, 32.*

THEN when Mary was come where Jesus was, and saw him, she fell down at his feet, saying unto him, LORD, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died. When Jesus therefore saw her weeping, and the Jews also weeping which came with her, he groaned in the spirit, and was troubled, And said, Where have ye laid him? They said unto him, LORD, come and see. Jesus wept. Then said the Jews, Behold how he loved him! And

some of them said, Could not this man, which opened the eyes of the blind, have caused that even this man should not have died? Jesus therefore again groaning in himself cometh to the grave. It was a cave, and a stone lay upon it. Jesus said, Take ye away the stone. Martha, the sister of him that was dead, saith unto him, LORD, by this time he stinketh: for he hath been dead four days. Jesus saith unto her, Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldest see the glory of God? Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead was laid. And Jesus lifted up his eyes, and said, Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me. And I knew that thou hearest me always: but because of the people which stand by I said it, that they may believe that thou hast sent me. And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth. And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with grave-clothes: and his face was

bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, Loose him, and let him go.

¶ Here may be sung a Hymn and the Minister may use the following Prayer, or any other, extemporaneous or otherwise.

**O** GOD, whose days are without end, and whose mercies cannot be numbered; make us, we beseech thee, deeply sensible of the shortness and uncertainty of human life; and let thy Holy Spirit lead us through this vale of misery, in holiness and righteousness, all the days of our lives: That, when we shall have served thee in our generation, we may be gathered unto our fathers, having the testimony of a good conscience; in the communion of thy Church; in the confidence of a certain faith; in the comfort of a reasonable, religious, and holy hope; in favor with thee our God, and in perfect charity with the world. All which we ask through Jesus Christ our LORD. *Amen.*

† When they come to the Grave, while the Corpse is made ready to be laid into the earth, shall be sung or said,

**M**AN, that is born of a woman, hath but a short time to live, and is full of misery. He cometh up, and is cut down, like a flower; he fleeth as it were a shadow, and never continueth in one stay.

In the midst of life we are in death: of whom may we seek for succor, but of thee, O LORD, who for our sins art justly displeased?

Yet, O LORD God most holy, O LORD most mighty, O holy and most merciful Saviour, deliver us not into the bitter pains of eternal death.

Thou knowest, LORD, the secrets of our hearts; shut not thy merciful ears to our prayers; but spare us, LORD most holy, O God most mighty, O holy and merciful Saviour, thou most worthy Judge eternal, suffer us not, at our last hour, for any pains of death, to lose our confidence in thee.

¶ Then while the earth shall be cast upon the Body, the Minister shall say,

**F**ORASMUCH as it hath pleased Almighty God, in his wise providence, to take out of this world the soul of our deceased *brother*, we therefore commit *his* body to the ground; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust; awaiting the ~~g~~ Resurrection in the last day, and the appearing of our LORD Jesus Christ; at whose second coming in glorious majesty to judge the world, the earth and the sea shall give up their dead; and the corruptible bodies of those who sleep in him shall be changed, and made like unto his own glorious body; according to the mighty working whereby he is able to subdue all things unto himself.

¶ Then may be said or sung,

**I** HEARD a voice from heaven, saying <sup>†</sup> unto me, Write, from henceforth blessed are the dead who die in the LORD: even so saith the Spirit; for they rest from their labors. *Rev. xiv, 13.*

¶ Or in the case of a child, the Minister may say,

**T**HE LORD Jesus said, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God. *St. Mark x, 14.*

¶ Then the Minister and People shall say the LORD's Prayer.

**O**UR Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

¶ Then the Minister shall say one, or both, of the following prayers, or any other, extemporaneous or otherwise, at his discretion.

**A**LMIGHTY God, with whom do live the spirits of those who depart hence in the LORD, and with whom the souls of

the faithful, after they are delivered from the burden of the flesh, are in joy and felicity; We give thee hearty thanks for the good examples of all those thy servants, who, having finished their course in faith, do now rest from their labors. And we beseech thee, that we, with all those who are departed in the true faith of thy holy Name, may have our perfect consummation and bliss, both in body and soul, in thy eternal and everlasting glory; through Jesus Christ our LORD. *Amen.*

**O**MERCIFUL God, the Father of our LORD Jesus Christ, who is the resurrection and the life, in whom whosoever believeth shall live, though he die, and whosoever liveth, and believeth in him, shall not die eternally, who also hath taught us, by his holy Apostle St. Paul, not to be sorry, as men without hope, for those who sleep in him; We humbly beseech thee, O Father, to raise us from the death of sin unto the life of righteousness; that, when we shall depart this life, we

may rest in him ; and that, at the general Resurrection in the last day, we may be found acceptable in thy sight ; and receive that blessing which thy well-beloved Son shall then pronounce to all who love and fear thee, saying, Come, ye blessed children of my Father, receive the kingdom prepared for you from the beginning of the world. Grant this, we beseech thee, O merciful Father, through Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Redeemer. *Amen.*

THE grace of our LORD Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all, evermore. *Amen.*

¶ When this Service is used at Sea, for the words, *We commit his body to the ground, etc.*, substitute, *We commit his body to the deep, awaiting the Resurrection, etc.*

## ADDITIONAL PRAYERS.

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MOST merciful Father, who hast been pleased to take unto thyself the soul of this thy servant [*or this child*] ; Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that having served thee with constancy on earth, we may be joined hereafter with thy blessed saints in glory everlasting ; through Jesus Christ our LORD. *Amen.*

O LORD Jesus Christ, who by thy death didst take away the sting of death ; Grant unto us thy servants so to follow in faith where thou hast led the way, that we may at length fall asleep peacefully in thee, and awake up after thy likeness ; through thy mercy, who livest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

**A**LMIGHTY God, the framer of our bodies and the Father of our spirits, we thank thee, that through thine only begotten Son Jesus Christ, thou hast overcome death, and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life. Grant we beseech thee, that while we live in the body, we may die from sin and rise again unto righteousness, continually mortifying all our evil and corrupt affections, and daily proceed in all virtue and godliness of living, through Jesus Christ our LORD. *Amen.*

**A**LMIGHTY God, our Heavenly Father, who doest all things well, look down we beseech thee, upon these persons present who are bereaved, and give them grace to say, "Thy will be done." Heal the wound which death has made, and send a blessing through the doorway of this affliction. Cause the hearts of those who mourn to be weaned from the things of this vain and transitory world, and through the leading and comforting of the Holy

Spirit, may they be taught to set their affections upon things above which perish not in the using. Let not their eyes be so holden with grief that they cannot read the truth thou wouldst teach by this affliction. Fill up with thy indwelling presence, the vacancy in these sorowing hearts which has been made by the death of this beloved one, around whose body we are gathered. Enable thy servants to be submissive to thy providential ordering of events and to have in prospect a blessed re-union of all thy faithful children, through Jesus Christ our LORD. *Amen.*

**O** LORD, our God, who art the disposer of human events, in whom we live and move, and have our being, grant unto us, we beseech thee, at this time, that sense of thy presence, which will enable us to feel that thy wisdom and love are involved in this dispensation of thy providence. May we remember that thou art all-wise, and that therefore thou canst not make a mistake in all thy vast realm, and that thou

art also all love, and therefore thou canst not be cruel to any of thy children. Make us to believe that all things are working together for our good, and that what we know not now, we shall hereafter fully know and understand. Cause us to realize that a better life than that which we are now living, will soon reveal itself to the believing heart. Cause us to look not so much at the things which are seen, as at the things which are unseen, since the things which are seen are temporal, and the things which are unseen are eternal. Sanctify to us this ordering of thy providence. Comfort specially, and uphold graciously thy bereaved servants in this hour of their deep sorrow. Impart to them thy all-sufficient and sustaining grace, distilling in every wounded heart the sweet solace of thy Holy Spirit; and grant O LORD, that when thy summons shall come to us each here present, to depart from earth, that trusting in the finished work wrought out by Christ on the Cross, we may be received into thy presence where

there is fullness of joy and pleasures forevermore, through the same our LORD Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

**O** MERCIFUL God, and heavenly Father, who hast taught us, in thy holy Word, that thou dost not willingly afflict or grieve the children of men; Look with pity, we beseech thee, upon the sorrows of thy *servant*, for whom our prayers are desired. In thy wisdom thou hast seen fit to visit *him* with trouble, and to bring distress upon *him*. Remember *him*, O LORD, in mercy; sanctify thy fatherly correction to *him*; endue *his* soul with patience under *his* affliction, and with resignation to thy blessed will; comfort *him* with a sense of thy goodness; lift up thy countenance upon *him*, and give *him* peace; through Jesus Christ our LORD. *Amen.*